

HOUSE BILL 3647  
By Mumpower

AN ACT to name a bridge on State Route 126 in Sullivan County in honor of the late Dr. James A. Street.

WHEREAS, from time to time, the members of this general assembly have seen fit to name certain highways and bridges to honor the memory of those exemplary public servants who contributed significantly to the improvement of their respective communities; and

WHEREAS, no Tennessean is more deserving of this honor than the late Dr. James A. Street, one of Bristol's finest citizens; and

WHEREAS, an outstanding gentleman who exemplified the spirit and allegiance to family and community that are characteristic of a true Tennessean, Dr. James A. Street served as the superintendent of Bristol City Schools from 1990 to 1995, and he previously served as superintendent of schools in Tallassee, Alabama; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Street's educational credentials were extensive; he received a bachelor's degree from Howard College, now Samford University, a master's degree from George Peabody College of Vanderbilt University, an Ed.S. degree from the University of Montevallo, and his Doctor of Education degree from Auburn University; he also attended the University of Alabama and the University of Georgia on National Science Foundation Fellowships; and

WHEREAS, Dr. James A. Street was a person of impeccable morals and irreproachable integrity who devoted his life to education, serving as a teacher, coach, guidance counselor, assistant principal, and administrator; Dr. Street worked assiduously to establish a brighter future for the good people of Sullivan County; and

WHEREAS, in appreciation of Dr. James A. Street 's lifetime of meritorious service, the Bristol, Tennessee-Virginia, Rotary Club has petitioned this body to name a certain bridge on

State Highway 126 in Bristol in honor of the late Dr. James A. Street to permanently commemorate his bountiful life of purpose and commitment; and

WHEREAS, this general assembly most heartily concurs with this excellent proposal; now, therefore,

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, the bridge at the intersection of State Route 126 and Steele Creek Drive in Sullivan County, bridge number: 82-126-22-23, is hereby designated the "Dr. James A. Street Memorial Bridge" as a lasting tribute to an excellent leader in education and an even more accomplished human being.

SECTION 2. The Department of Transportation is directed to erect suitable signs or to affix suitable markers designating the bridge described in Section 1 as the "Dr. James A. Street Memorial Bridge".

SECTION 3. The erection of such directional signs shall be within the guidelines prescribed by the *Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices*.

SECTION 4. This act shall become operative only if the federal highway administrator advises the commissioner of transportation in writing that the provisions of this act shall not render Tennessee in violation of federal laws and regulations and subject to penalties prescribed therein.

SECTION 5. This act shall become operative only if the cost of the manufacture and installation of such signs is paid to the department of transportation from non-state funds within one (1) year of the effective date of this act. Such payment shall be made prior to any expenditure by the state for the manufacture or installation of such signs. The department shall return any unused portion of the estimated cost to the person or entity paying for such signs within thirty (30) days of the erection of such signs. If the actual cost exceeds the estimated cost, an amount equal to the difference in such costs shall be remitted to the department in non-state funds within thirty (30) days of the sponsoring person or entity receiving an itemized invoice of the actual cost from the department.

SECTION 6. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.

